

Baek to University of South Florida

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Mijeong Baek has been appointed visiting assistant professor at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

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M. Wright Lands Job at Biola

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Matthew Wright has received a tenure track position in the Torrey Honors Institute at Biola University.

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Anna Law Appointed to Endowed Chair at Brooklyn

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Anna Law has been named the Herbert Kurz Associate Professor of Constitutional Law and Civil Liberties at CUNY-Brooklyn College. Law moves to Brooklyn after nine years at DePaul.

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Kou Receives Outstanding Teaching Award

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Chien-wen Kou received the Outstanding Teaching Award in August 2012 at National Chengchi University in Taiwan.

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Book Forthcoming from Lawrence Mayer

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Lawrence Mayer (with Alan Arwine of University of Kansas) is under contract with Palgrave Macmillan to produce a book entitled *Political Change in Advanced Western Democracies*, due to be finished by November 1. Mayer and Arwine also have a convention paper, "Tolerance in Nations Under Siege," under review at *Southwest Social Science Quarterly*.

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Recent Publications from James Lutz

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James M. Lutz and Brenda J. Lutz, "The Continuing Threat to State Security," in Richard Jackson and Samuel Justin Sinclair (eds.), *Contemporary Debates on Terrorism* (London: Routledge, 2012), pp. 61-6.

James M. Lutz and Brenda J. Lutz, *Terrorism: The Basics* (London: Routledge, 2011).

James M. Lutz, "Governments of the Left and Openness to Imports," *Global Economy Journal*, Vol. 11, No. 4 (2011), Article 4, pp. 1-18.

Brenda J. Lutz and James M. Lutz, "Interest Groups and Animal Rights Legislation," *Society & Animals*, Vol. 19, No. 3 (2011), pp. 261-277.

James M. Lutz, "A Critical View of Critical Terrorism Studies," in Thomas Badey (ed.), *Annual Editions: Violence and Terrorism*, 13th ed. (Guildford, CT: Duskin/McGraw-Hill, 2011). Reprint of 2010 article in *Perspectives on Terrorism*.

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Rapoport Center Fall Speaker Series

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The Rapoport Center is pleased to announced the fall Human Rights Happy Hour Speaker Series, which is part of a workshop entitled "Human Rights, Law, and Democracy," co-taught by Rapoport Center co-director Professor Dan Brinks and his colleague in government Professor Zach Elkins.

This semester, the series takes a comparative turn, bringing in speakers who work primarily on rights and rights protection at the domestic rather than international level. The talks will address the institutional infrastructure that is meant to support rights, such as courts and judges, as well as social movements that seek to use a rights discourse to advance their cause. The series will also include theoretical presentations on the uneasy place of multiculturalism within a liberal rights framework and on the way in which US constitutional practices informed early constitutionalism in Latin America. The speakers conform a distinguished roster of scholars working on issues central to the realization of rights and democracy across the world.

We invite you to join us for any or all of the talks, which will all take place on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45-5:45 in the Sheffield Room ([TNH 2.111](#)) at the Law School. They are free and open to the public.

September 25, 2012

James Gibson

Sidney W. Souers Professor of Government and Director of the Program on Citizenship and Democratic Values, Washington University in St. Louis

"Electing Judges: The Surprising Effects of Campaigning on Judicial Legitimacy"

October 16, 2012

Mala Htun

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of New Mexico

"Politics of Inclusion: Women, Afrodescendants, and Indigenous Peoples in Latin America"

October 23, 2012

Clifford Carrubba

Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for the Study of Law, Politics, and Economics, Emory University

Matthew Gabel

Professor and Associate Chair of the Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis

"The Politics of Compliance with International Courts: A General Theory with Evidence from the European Court of Justice"

November 6, 2012

Jonathan Miller

Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School

"Borrowing a Constitution: The U.S. Constitution in Argentina and the Heyday of the Argentine Supreme Court (1853-1930)"

November 13, 2012

Keith Banting

Professor of Political Studies and Policy Studies and Queen's Chair in Public Policy, Queen's University

"Is There Really an International Backlash Against Multiculturalism Policies? New Evidence from the Multiculturalism Policy Index"

Further information on the speakers can be found online at:

<http://www.utexas.edu/law/centers/humanrights/events/speaker-series.php>

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Unger Promoted at Ramapo

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Michael Unger has been promoted to associate professor with tenure at Ramapo College of New Jersey.

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Dorraj Receives Dean's Award

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Manochehr Dorraj received the 2012 Dean's award for Research and Creativity at TCU.

For the 2012-2013 academic year Dorraj is the non-residential research fellow at the Georgetown University in Qatar.

Dorraj's recent books are:

(M. Dorraj & C. Currie) Editors, *China's Energy Relations with the Developing World* (London and New York: Continuum publishers, 2011).

(M. Dorraj & V. Martinez –Ebers) Editors, *Perspectives on Race, Ethnicity and Religion: Identity politics in America:* (New York and London: Oxford University Press, 2010).

(M. Dorraj & M. Kamrava) Editors, *Iran Today: An Encyclopedia of Life in the Islamic Republic.* 2 Volumes (New Haven: Greenwood Press, 2008).

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Publications from Sonia Alianak

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Sonia L. Alianak (2012, August 1). Islamic Mediators and Creators of Grassroots Demands: The GHM Compared to MB Egypt and MB Jordan. In Tamer Balci and Christopher L. Miller (ed.s). *The Gulen Hizmet Movement: Circumspect Activism in Faith-Based Reform*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 91 – 119.

Sonia Alianak (2012, Fall). Obamapower: The Rhetoric, Response and Reality. *Southwestern Journal of International Studies*. Forthcoming.

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Michener Begins Tenure Track Position in Rio

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Greg Michener has received a tenure track position in the Brazilian School for Public and Business Administration at the Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Rio de Janeiro.

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